

Look, just look at what happened in the last week of Congress, where the Republican leadership walked away with no education bill, no hate crimes legislation. They took down the education bill because one lobby group didn't want us to put into effect a worker safety rule. And they took the whole thing down.

Now, when people talk about bipartisanship, let me just tell you something. Al Gore and I have worked for bipartisanship. We have a bipartisan majority today for a minimum wage increase, for campaign finance reform, for an education bill that every American can be proud of, for the hate crimes legislation. We can't pass it, not because we don't have bipartisanship but because the Republican congressional leadership is too far to the right and too tied to special interests.

And that's another reason to vote for Al Gore. I think we're going to win the House and the Senate. But if we don't, someone needs to be doing what I've done for the last 6 years, which is to stop extremism in Washington, DC, and you certainly only have one choice: Al Gore.

You know, I got a good laugh in Los Angeles at the Democratic Convention when I reminded people what Harry Truman said, which is that if you want to live like a Republican, you've got to vote Democratic. [*Laughter*] But you just think about—go out and talk to the young people who have the largest stake in the future. Remember where we were 8 years ago. Think where we are today. If you want to build on the prosperity, if you want to build on the progress, if you want to keep building one America, there's only one choice.

Audience members. Al Gore!

The President. He's been the most effective Vice President in our history. He is a good man. He makes good decisions. He will be a great President. And he needs your help in the President's race and in all these races for Congress and the Senate. You can do this.

Look at this crowd. There are thousands and thousands of people here. You could contact easily over 100,000 people in the next

4 days if every one of you just took 10 people, 15 people, everybody you see. Go out and tell them we want to keep the prosperity going, keep the progress going, keep building on America.

Thank you, Oakland. God bless you. Bring it home.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:30 a.m. at the City Center. In his remarks, he referred to State Attorney General Bill Lockyer of California; Mayor Jerry Brown of Oakland; and Speaker Robert M. Hertzberg, California State Assembly. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Unemployment Rate

November 3, 2000

Today we received more good economic news for the American people. Our Nation's unemployment rate has held steady at 3.9 percent—the lowest in more than 30 years, and half of what it was in 1992.

The drop in Hispanic unemployment over the last 8 years has been just as spectacular. Hispanic unemployment is at an all-time low of 5 percent, down from 11.8 percent in 1992. African-American unemployment remains at record lows. Wages and incomes for all Americans continue to rise across the board. More than 22 million new jobs have been created since Vice President Gore and I came to office.

For nearly 8 years, Vice President Gore and I have worked to maintain a course of fiscal discipline that has helped lead to the longest economic expansion in American history and put America on course to pay down the debt by 2012. This commitment has had tangible results. More Americans are working hard, creating opportunity, and reaching their dreams than ever before. Let's stay on this course of fiscal discipline and ensure that our children and their children enjoy even greater economic prosperity.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

October 28

The President had a telephone conversation with President Ali Abdallah Salih of Yemen concerning the investigation into the terrorist bombing of the U.S.S. *Cole*.

October 29

In the morning, the President traveled to Alexandria, VA, and in the afternoon, he returned to Washington, DC.

October 30

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel concerning the Middle East peace process.

October 31

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Louisville, KY, and later to New York City. In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Chappaqua, NY.

The President announced his intention to nominate George Munoz to be a member of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Darrel E. Bigham as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carolyn Lindeman as a member of the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

November 1

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a disaster in New Jersey and ordered Federal aid to support State and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the West Nile virus on August 5 and continuing.

The President announced his intention to appoint Earl Wilson, Jr., as a member of the

President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Caroline Matano Yang as a member of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

November 2

In the morning, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA.

The President announced his intention to appoint George C. Duggins as a member of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Tommy Turner to be a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

November 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Oakland, CA, and later to San Francisco. In the afternoon, he traveled to San Jose, CA, and later to Chappaqua, NY, arriving after midnight.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted October 31

C.E. Abramson,
of Montana, to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005 (re-appointment).

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George Munoz,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2004, vice Mark L. Schneider, term expired.